

# JIM DOYLE

# GOVERNOR STATE OF WISCONSIN

September 18, 2003

To the Honorable, the Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint Ritchie J. Brown to be the recreational user of the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board to serve a term expiring May 1, 2006.

Mr. Brown will be available to the Senate for hearings and my staff will assist in any way they can.

Respectfully submitted,

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# GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT

NAME:

MAILING ADDRESS:

Ritchie J. Brown

114 S. Red Pine CT.

Black River Falls, WI 54615

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

rbrown@ho-chunk.com

RESIDES IN:

Black River Falls, WI

TELEPHONE:

(715) 284-2852 (w)

(715) 284-0403 (h)

OCCUPATION:

Division Manager, Ho-Chunk Nation DNR

APPOINTED TO:

Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board

recreational user

TERM:

A term to expire May 1, 2006

SUCCEEDS:

Ritchie Brown

SENATE CONFIRMATION:

Yes

DATE OF APPOINTMENT:

September 18, 2003

DATE OF NOMINATION:

September 18, 2003



September 18, 2003

Mr. Ritchie J. Brown 114 S. Red Pine CT. Black River Falls, WI 54615

Dear Mr. Brown:

I am pleased to appoint you to the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board, effective September 18, 2003. Your experience, knowledge, and dedication will be a true asset to my administration and a great benefit to the people of Wisconsin.

It is a new day for Wisconsin! I look forward to working with you to find creative ways of delivering services and implementing positive change for the citizens of our state.

Sincerely,

Jim Doyle Governor

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#### RITCHIE BROWN

114 S. Red Pine CT Black River Falls, WI 54615 715-284-0403

Education:

University of Wisconsin Richland Center, Wisconsin Pre-Engineering Program – 1982

Madison Area Technical College

Madison, Wisconsin

Associate of Science in Land Surveying - 1981

Black River Falls High School Black River Falls, Wisconsin

Graduated - 1971

### Employment History:

1991-present

Ho-Chunk Nation DNR Black River Falls, WI

Position Held: Division Manager

Responsibilities: Develop, implement and evaluate Tribal-wide land use plans, land use controls/ordinances, and site plans. Develop and maintain an inventory and database of all Tribal lands and natural resources information through the use of the Tribal Geographical Information System. Provide assistance to Tribal entities on lands and natural resources related issues. Ensure that Tribal compliance with Federal, State and/or Local land use and natural resources codes, laws and regulations. Identify and preserve burial sites and other sacred spaces, in

Identify and preserve burial sites and other sacred spaces, in coordination with the Division of Cultural Resources. Coordinate with Department grantswriters to seek and procure alternative funding resources. Responsible for all administrative and organizational duties, including the supervision of Natural Resource personnel and the management of Division budgets.

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Trempealeau County Land Conservation Department

Courthouse Annex, Whitehall, WI

Position Held: Soil Conservation Technician

Responsibilities: Layout, survey, design, construction, and

inspection of various government projects.

1986-1988

Eau Claire County Planning and Development Department

Land Conservation Division

Eau Claire, WI

Position Held: Soil Conservation Technician

Responsibilities: Layout, survey, design, construction, and

inspection of various government projects.

1985-1986

Lunda Construction

Black River Falls, WI

Position Held: General Laborer

Responsibilities: Building bridges, masonry work, demolition,

Carpentry.

1982-1985

Perini Corporation, Copley Place Project

Boston, Massachusetts

Position Held: Field Engineer/Construction Worker

Responsibilities Held: Foundation layout, established horizontal

and vertical control, foundation construction.

1971-1982

United States Department of Agriculture

Madison, WI

Position Held: Soil Conservation Technician

Responsibilities: Layout, survey, design, construction

and inspection of various government projects.

Position Held: Civil Engineering Technician

Responsibilities Held: Draftsman, soil laboratory testing,

prepared construction plans and specifications.

1976

Jackson County Iron Company

Black River Falls, WI

Position Held: Apprentice Diesel Mechanic Responsibilities: Maintenance of truck fleet



# STATE OF WISCONSIN ETHICS BOARD

James R. Morgan Chairman Paul M. Holzem David L. McRoberts Dorothy C. Johnson On the capitol square at: 44 EAST MIFFLIN STREET, STE 601 MADISON, WISCONSIN 53703-2800 phone: 608/266-8123 fax: 608/264-9319 ethics@ethics.state.wi.us http://ethics.state.wi.us

> Roth Judd Director

Senate Committee Members:

The attached Statement of Economic Interests is provided with regard to the individual's nomination to a State Public Office by Governor Jim Doyle.

Sincerely, STATE OF WISCONSIN ETHICS BOARD

Nominee:

Ritchie J. Brown

Date:

9/18/2003

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June 23, 2003

To the Honorable, the Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint Senn R. Brown to be a non-watershed resident/educational rep of the Kickapoo Reserve Management Board to serve a term expiring May 1, 2006.

Mr. Brown will be available to the Senate for hearings and my staff will assist in any way they can. 2 mg Ten Edució

Respectfully submitted,

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# JIM DOYLE

# GOVERNOR STATE OF WISCONSIN

## **GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT**

NAME:

MAILING ADDRESS:

Senn R. Brown

5426 Greening Lane

Madison, WI 53705

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

sennb@chorus.net

RESIDES IN:

Madison, WI

TELEPHONE:

(608) 238-7491 (w)

(608) 238-7491 (h)

OCCUPATION:

Secretary, Wisconsin Charter Schools

Association

APPOINTED TO:

Kickapoo Reserve Management Board

non-watershed resident/educational rep

TERM:

A term to expire May 1, 2006

SUCCEEDS:

himself

SENATE CONFIRMATION:

Yes

DATE OF APPOINTMENT:

June 23, 2003

DATE OF NOMINATION:

June 17, 2003

# **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

MARCH 1, 2003

# **SENN BROWN**

### **CURRENT**

Senn Brown, 5426 Greening Lane, Madison, WI 53703

Tel: 608-238-7491 Email: sennb@chorus.net

Wife: Kathy Brown (same address)

Children: Kristine Brown & Nick Brown

#### **EDUCATION**

Grinnell College --- BA Degree (1962)

U.W. - Madison -- MS Degree (Education Administration) (1970s)

### **EMPLOYMENT**

1965 - 2000 --- Wisconsin Association of School Boards

2000 – 2003 --- Wisconsin Charter Schools Association

# **CURRENT AFFILIATIONS**

Kickapoo Reserve Management Board --- Member, Board of Directors Wisconsin Charter Schools Association --- Secretary – Board of Directors Madison Area Rehabilitation Centers --- Member, Board of Directors Wisconsin Rural Challenge, Inc. --- Member, Board of Directors 1000 Friends of Wisconsin --- Member Friends of the Kickapoo Valley Reserve --- Member

# **REFERENCES**

Brian Rude, Dairyland Power Cooperative, La Crosse, WI James Lewicki, Educator, North Crawford Public Schools, WI Cal Potter, former State Senator, Sheboygan County, WI Jim Holperin, Director, Trees for Tomorrow, Eagle River, WI



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> Roth Judd Director

Senate Committee Members:

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Sincerely, STATE OF WISCONSIN ETHICS BOARD

Nominee: Date: Senn R. Brown July 22, 2003 Statement of Economic Interests

Filed in 2003 for calendar year 2002 by

# Brown, Senn R.

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See instructions for explanations and exceptions. Attach additional pages as needed Questions about completing this form? Consult our website: ethics.state.wi.us

Still have questions? For priority service send an e-mail to: ethics@ethics.state.wi.us; otherwise leave a message at (608) 266-8115

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# JIM DOYLE

# GOVERNOR STATE OF WISCONSIN

July 2, 2003

To the Honorable, the Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint Dennis M. Caneff to be a Charitable Organization Rep. of the Land and Water Conservation Board to serve a term expiring May 1, 2006.

Mr. Caneff will be available to the Senate for hearings and my staff will assist in any way they can.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Doyle Governor

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July 2, 2003

Mr. Dennis M. Caneff 135 Enterprise Drive Verona, WI 53593

Dear Mr. Caneff:

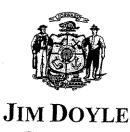
I am pleased to appoint you to the Land and Water Conservation Board, effective July 1, 2003. Your experience, knowledge, and dedication will be a true asset to my administration and a great benefit to the people of Wisconsin.

It is a new day for Wisconsin! I look forward to working with you to find creative ways of delivering services and implementing positive change for the citizens of our state.

Sincerely

Governor

JED:AW



# GOVERNOR STATE OF WISCONSIN

## GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT

NAME:

MAILING ADDRESS:

Dennis M. Caneff

135 Enterprise Drive

Verona, WI 53593

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

dcaneff@farmland.org

RESIDES IN:

Verona, WI

TELEPHONE:

(608) 848-7000 (w)

(608) 274-6178 (h)

OCCUPATION:

Regional Director, American Farmland Trust

APPOINTED TO:

Land and Water Conservation Board

Charitable Organization Rep.

TERM:

A term to expire May 1, 2006

SUCCEEDS:

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SENATE CONFIRMATION:

Yes

DATE OF APPOINTMENT:

July 1, 2003

DATE OF NOMINATION:

June 27, 2003

Dennis M. Caneff 5502 Barton Rd.

Madison, WI 53711 608/274-6178

#### **QUALIFICATIONS SUMMARY**

Experienced executive of nonprofit organizations with over 25 years of experience in communications, fundraising, personnel management, project management, and board and volunteer development. Communications experience includes membership outreach, radio production and scripting, newspaper and magazine articles, newsletters, and web sites.

#### **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

AMERICAN FARMLAND TRUST (Verona, Wis.) National nonprofit conservation organization

2000 to present

**Policy and Development Director** 

Responsible for local and state policy development and analysis; responsible for all fundraising activities

- Develop policy options for local and state governments to protect farmland
- Develop estate planning options for farm families and landowners
- Cultvate and develop relationships with members and major donors through personal visits and events
- Write grant proposals to private and government foundations
- Assist in developing and marketing products and services to members and customers

EDGEWOOD COLLEGE (Madison, Wis.)

1998 to 2000

Four-year private liberal arts college.

## **Director of Foundation and Government Relations**

Responsible for leading grant-seeking process for academic programs and student services.

- Raised over \$750,000 and wrote nearly 50 proposals
- Researched funding prospects from private and corporate foundation and government sources
- · Wrote, edited and prepared budgets for all grant proposals
- · Led planning sessions with faculty and staff to develop funding ideas
- Contacted and cultivated corporate and alumni donors
- Fostered relations with program officers and staffs of foundations and funding agencies
- Participated in many aspects of the College's business (committees, instruction, community events, etc.)

MADISON AREA QUALITY IMPROVEMENT NETWORK (MAQIN), Madison, Wis. 1995 to 1998

Membership organization offering training and learning in organizational change and improvement.

# **Membership and Communications Coordinator**

Responsible for communicating with member organizations and developing member services.

- Surveyed over 40 organizations to assess their business issues and translate those issues into training, learning and consulting services
- Wrote and designed 16 newsletters, three general brochures and eight program brochures; designed, wrote and updated web site
- Managed MAQIN's membership renewal process; fostered relations with over 170 member organizations; recruited over 25 new members and designed new membership structure
- Led strategic planning and team-building sessions for four member organizations
- Learned, practiced and taught continuous quality improvement tools and methods
- Organized over 50 member-to-member learning events (discussions, tours, seminars)

WISCONSIN RURAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER, Mt. Horeb, Wis.

1988 to 1995

Nonproft organization supporting family farming, sustainable agriculture and rural development.

#### **Executive Director**

Responsible for overall operations, including fundraising and budget, and managing board, staff and volunteers. Directed communications, policy analysis and issue development; developed internal administration.

- Supervised and directed a staff of 12 employees and contractors
- Raised over \$2 million from foundations, government, direct mail and major donor campaigns, and events
- Created personnel policies and other administrative processes
- Developed quarterly meeting and annual retreat agendas with board president; worked with president and other board members to develop organization's position on issues
- Developed new agricultural research and policy ideas
- Converted WRDC to a membership organization, comprising 1,200 members and four local chapters
- · Facilitated and negotiated scores of meetings between farmers, academics and government officials
- Managed relationships with media, agricultural institutions and visiting foreign delegations
- Wrote and edited bimonthly newsletter and other member communications
- Wrote and made public appearances as "translator" of agricultural issues for general audiences
- Received awards for environmental protection efforts and for fair lending advocacy

MIDWEST TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE, St. Paul, Minn. 1986 to 1988

Nonprofit economic development center created by seven Midwest governors to foster cooperation among universities, government and the private sector.

#### Research Associate

Responsible for organizational communications and researching successful rural economic development strategies.

- Researched and wrote over 20 case studies and news articles about alternative farming and small rural entrepreneurship
- Analyzed rural economic development strategies of three member states
- Created, organized and facilitated farmer-researcher "summit meetings" in five states to develop sustainable agriculture research agendas
- · Wrote and edited bimonthly newsletter and other communications
- · Wrote grant proposals and managed two large grants

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND RADIO CAMEROON, Yaounde, Cameroon (West Africa) 1981 to 1983 National organizations devoted to educating the population on health matters

#### **Peace Corps Volunteer**

- Assisted health educators and radio producers to create a series of health education radio broadcasts on cholera prevention, mother-and-child health and other issues
- Established an audio-visual production lab, including darkroom and silk-screen facilities
- · Taught English, as a tutor and as an instructor at the American Cultural Center

#### **EDUCATION**

M.S., Agricultural Journalism and Certificate in African Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1986. B.E.S., Mass Communications, St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, Minn., 1978



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Sincerely, STATE OF WISCONSIN ETHICS BOARD

Nominee:

Dennis M. Caneff July 10, 2003

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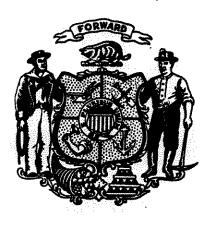
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July 1, 2003

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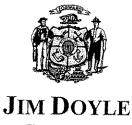
I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint Ms. Sandi M. Cihlar to be a farmer on the Land and Water Conservation Board to serve a term expiring May 1, 2007.

Ms. Cihlar will be available to the Senate for hearings and my staff will assist in any way they can.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Doyle Governor

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# GOVERNOR STATE OF WISCONSIN

July 1, 2003

Ms. Sandi M. Cihlar 1075 Town Hall Road Mosinee, WI 54455-8608

Dear Ms. Cihlar:

I am pleased to appoint you to the Land and Water Conservation Board, effective July 1, 2003. Your experience, knowledge, and dedication will be a true asset to my administration and a great benefit to the people of Wisconsin.

It is a new day for Wisconsin! I look forward to working with you to find creative ways of delivering services and implementing positive change for the citizens of our state.

Sincerely,

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# GOVERNOR STATE OF WISCONSIN

### GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT

NAME:

MAILING ADDRESS:

Sandi M. Cihlar

1075 Town Hall Road

Mosinee, WI 54455-8608

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

scihlar@pcpros.net

RESIDES IN:

Mosinee, WI

TELEPHONE:

(715) 693-3356 (w)

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OCCUPATION:

Dairy Producer, Cihlar Farms

APPOINTED TO:

Land and Water Conservation Board

farmer

TERM:

A term to expire May 1, 2007

SUCCEEDS:

Robert Uphoff

SENATE CONFIRMATION:

Yes

DATE OF APPOINTMENT:

July 1, 2003

DATE OF NOMINATION:

June 27, 2003

# Sandi Cihlar 1075 Town Hall Road Mosinee, WI 54455-8608

Phone: 715-693-3356 Fax: 715-693-1546

# Work Experience

Cihlar Farms Inc.
Marshfield Clinic-Mosinee Center
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# Organizational Membership and Affiliations

- Wisconsin Rural Leadership Program (2002 Outstanding Alumni Award)
- Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board, Executive Committee and Secretary
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- Marathon County Dairy Education/Promotion Council
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February 23, 2004

Senator Neal Kedzie State Capitol Room 313 South P.O. Box 7882 Madison, WI 53707-7882

Dear Senator Kedzie:

I would like to introduce myself to you as a nominee of Governor Doyle for an appointment to the Land and Water Conservation Board, and to respectively request your support as I seek Senate confirmation of my nomination.

Seeking common ground between environmental protection and agriculture is my goal, and I believe it is critical to provide a voice for the future of agriculture in a conservation-minded world. It is an honor to serve the agricultural community in this important role, and I will devote the time necessary to serve effectively. To date, I have attended four meetings of the Land and Water Conservation Board and am very aware of the significant time commitment required to serve.

I would be very pleased to meet with you at your convenience to discuss my nomination or to provide any additional information you may request. Please feel free to call me at 715-693-3356. Enclosed is my resume and references. Thank you for your kind consideration of my nomination.

Respectively,

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Enclosures (3)

#### Sandi Cihlar 1075 Town Hall Road Mosinee, WI 54455-8608

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#### **Highlights of Qualifications**

Lifelong resident of rural Marathon County
Town of Mosinee dairy producer for thirty-three years
Twenty-six years employment as a health professional
Established networks with local, county, state and national agricultural organizations
Recognized as rural spokesperson by print media
Established community presence as rural advocate

#### Relevant Experience

Served as advisor to National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Livestock and Poultry Stewardship Framework work group for Wisconsin (2003)

Member of Wisconsin Agricultural Environmental Management Systems Advisory and Coordination Work Group

Member of Wisconsin State Technical Committee (NRCS)
Marathon County Task Force on the Rural Economy for 2003
Panel member for Finding Common Ground between Environmental Protection and Agriculture workshop February 5, 2003

Advisory panel member to Wausau Daily Herald advertising department for March 15, 2003 special supplement *Land Trusts 2003* 

Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board representative to 2003 and 2004 Wisconsin Grazing

Conferences

### **Community Advocacy Experience**

Advisor to National Children's Center for Agricultural Health and Safety
2004 Safe Play Areas on Farms
Community Planning Council of Marathon County, 2003 Chair
April 3, 2003 Wisconsin Farm Health Summit panel member
Wisconsin Farm Health Work Group/Wisconsin Farm Center/DATCP
Coordinated bicycle safety program for local kindergarten students
Established Mosinee Community Bike Rodeo
Organized Marathon County 4-H's first tractor safety program
Committee for development of state tractor certification guidelines
Initiated Marathon County 4-Safe Kids safety day camp program
National Committee for Childhood Agricultural Injury Prevention
North American Guidelines for Children's Agricultural Tasks Steering Committee
"Healthier People in Wisconsin in the Year 2000" review team member
Marathon County Farm Progress Days 1996 Executive Committee

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# Senate Committee Members:

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Sincerely, STATE OF WISCONSIN ETHICS BOARD

Nominee: Date:

Sandi M. Cihlar July 10, 2003

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# Biographical Summary Jonathan Ela Wisconsin Natural Resources Board Appointee

Jonathan Ela grew up in Madison, where members of his family settled before the Civil War. After graduating from Harvard in 1967 he served on the Washington staff of Senator Gaylord Nelson, which started him on a career in the field of conservation and the environment.

After working in the <u>Sierra Club</u>'s headquarters in <u>San Francisco</u> for two years, he returned to Madison in 1971 to found the Midwest Office of the <u>Sierra Club</u>. For twelve years he served as the Club's principal conservation staff officer in a nine state region.

For a number of years in the mid-80s to early-90s he and his wife enjoyed a period of exploration, first living aboard a sailboat in the southern Caribbean and then exploring Wisconsin intimately while living in a pickup camper.

For the last ten years he has again been living in Madison, where he has held several paid and volunteer positions with the Sierra Club. Currently he is a member of the Club's national political committee, and he chairs the steering committee that oversees the organization's voter education program.??

He recently served as a member of the team that provided Governor-Elect James Doyle with policy analysis of the Department of Natural Resources.

He is married to <u>Patricia Stocking</u>, an employee of the <u>Wisconsin Nature Conservancy</u>. He has a stepson and stepdaughter, and is the proud step-grandfather of two young boys.

Jonathan P. Ela 2130 Chamberlain Ave. Madison, WI 53726 608-238-8187 – Voice 608-238-9109 – Fax elaj@supranet.net

# Jonathan Ela's scheduling conflicts, February - March, 2003

February 25: 11:00 - Pre-surgery physical examination

February 26: All day - Natural Resources Board meeting

March 5: All day - Cataract surgery, UW Hospitals

March 6: All day - Post surgery recovery and examination

March 11: 10:45 - Post surgery examination

March 26: All day - Natural Resources Board meeting



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From the Journal Sentinel

Posted: Feb. 4, 2004

Gov. Jim Doyle may or may not be pleased at the prospect of having to make his third appointment to the Natural Resources Board, this one following last week's resignation of board chairman Trygve Solberg. But our guess is that he's pleased as punch that the appointment won't require the approval of the state Senate. Although the pace of Senate confirmation has stepped up recently, too many of Doyle's appointees still languish in never-never land in terms of their official relationships to their new jobs.

The Natural Resources Board is a fine example of the Senate's sluggishness. After his election, Doyle appointed to the board Christine Thomas, associate dean of academic affairs for the College of Natural Resources at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, and Alan Grischke, a Wausau lawyer. Both remain unconfirmed. Worse, so does Scott Hassett, named more than a year ago to the cabinet post of natural resources secretary, one of four cabinet appointees still unconfirmed.

In all, according to the governor's office, of the 136 appointments Doyle has made since taking office last year, only 45 have been confirmed. And some of those confirmations have come only recently. Administration Secretary Marc Marotta, Doyle's top aide, was confirmed on Jan. 22.

The good news for Doyle in replacing Solberg - who did a fine job of representing northern Wisconsin in his six years as board chairman - is that the governor is filling a vacancy created by a resignation, so Senate confirmation isn't required.

Granted, the work of the state is still getting done. Hassett is effectively in charge of the Department of Natural Resources, for



example, even though his appointment hasn't been made official by the Senate. And one can understand the lack of action by Republican senators who are still peeved at Democrat Doyle over a number of issues, including the Indian gaming compacts he signed last year, which helps explain the tardiness of the Marotta confirmation.

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But this kind of political gamesmanship is still petty and unseemly, no matter where it takes place and no matter by whom. It can only serve to further weaken the credibility of government and politicians, as if they needed much help.

But the Senate can still set things right by speeding up the confirmation process now. It could start by confirming the leadership team that Doyle intended for the Natural Resources Board and the DNR, helping the agency meet its vital responsibility of protecting the state's natural resources.

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Senate Environmental Committee

From: Lake States Lumber Association

AND

**Timber Producers Association** 

RE:

Appointment of Jonathan Ella to the Natural Resources Board

Lake States Lumber Association (LSLA) and the Timber Producers Association(TPA) both opposes the appointment of Jonathan Ella to the Natural Resources Board.

It has been reported in the press that Mr. Ella's qualification for this appointment is his affiliation with the Sierra Club and that he established an office of the Sierra Club in Madison. LSLA and TPA are concerned that Mr. Ella will advance the policies of the Sierra Club in Natural Resource Board decisions that are in conflict with the DNR's mission:

- 1. The Sierra Club supports the exclusion of commercial logging on all federal lands including Wisconsin's National Forests.
- 2. The Sierra Club supports excluding commercial logging on any public lands that meet the federal roadless area criteria which could include thousands of acres of county and state forests.
- 3. The Wisconsin Chapter (John Muir) of the Sierra Club recently passed a resolution opposing certification of any public land in Wisconsin under one of the Sustainable Forestry certification programs. Forest Certification verifies that forest is being managed on a sustainable basis.
- 4. The Sierra Club's position on logging is in direct conflict with the DNR's vision of achieving healthy diverse ecosystems and the sustainable economies that depend on these ecosystems. The Sierra Club filed a law suit against the US Forest Service on an aspen timber sale in Michigan's U. P. This would have cost millions of dollars in lost revenue to local communities which receive 25% of the revenue from National Forest timber sales. Not to mention the thousands of jobs and ecological impact of not maintaining our aspen

forests for the wildlife that depend on them. Attorney General Doyle joined in the lawsuit on behalf of Wisconsin in support of the Forest Service.

There are two ways maintain healthy diverse ecosystems:

- Commercial logging completed under the direction of forest scientists by professional loggers, which generates revenue, creates jobs and valuable forest products or pay someone to cut.
- Burn the forests costing millions of tax dollars, lost revenue, jobs and forest products.

Our concern and that of many others in the forestry community is that Mr. Ella will use his position on the NRB to advance the agenda of the Sierra Club to halt commercial logging in Wisconsin.

# 2130 Chamberlain Avenue Madison, Wisconsin 53705

April 25, 2003

Senator Cathy Stepp Room 7 South State Capitol Madison, WI

Dear Senator Stepp:

I want to thank you for your courtesy towards me at yesterday's confirmation hearing, and for allowing me the opportunity to interact with the Committee.

As usual, after reflecting on the occasion I realized that I had failed to provide some fairly obvious information.

As I said, I am not in a position at this point to have general observations about the rigor of Wisconsin's regulatory climate vis a vis that of other states. However, I neglected to provide information collected by the Department that is specific to NR 445, the rule governing hazardous air pollutants. The Department is in the process of surveying other states in order to see how Wisconsin fits into state HAP programs that supplement that administered by the federal EPA. Their information is not complete, but my understanding is that about 1/3 to 1/2 of the states have such programs. They vary widely in such features as substance selection methods and regulatory procedures, so direct comparisons are difficult, but the Department concludes that Wisconsin will fall somewhere in the middle in terms of regulatory requirements after the rule update the Natural Resources Board approved on Tuesday takes effect.

I am enclosing the "green sheet" attachment that the Department provided the Board.

I take seriously the views of my colleague Steve Willett, whose NRB leadership on pollution control issues has been thorough and of long duration. He concluded that the proposed rule did not exceed the standards of the federal EPA in the sense that is discouraged or forbidden by law or NRB policy. I believe he also concluded that while the rule would cause industry additional costs, those expenses were justified by the public health benefits gained, and would not be of such a magnitude as to jeopardize Wisconsin's competitive position for attracting investment capital. The rule passed by a vote of 5-0-1.

On the matter of forestry, I have now had a chance to study the materials submitted to the Committee in opposition to my nomination. They are very similar (even to the misspelling of my name) so I am enclosing and addressing only one of the communications.

Point 1 on the LSLA and TPA resolution. I think we covered this. For the reasons I mentioned yesterday, I have never felt the Sierra Club's position on ending commercial logging on national forests was appropriate for the Midwestern national forests. I opposed the policy when it was proposed within the Club a number of years ago, and as a member of the Natural Resources Board I would oppose its being applied to the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest.

Point 2. I have consulted with Sierra Club staff on this. I believe that the allegation is in error, and that there is no such Club policy. At any event it is not my policy.

Point 3. Sierra Club staff has clarified this question. The John Muir Chapter of the Sierra Club was asked to comment on a legislative resolution concerning sustainability certification programs. The Club's comments suggested that the resolution restrict itself to private lands. The reason was that the sustainability standards contained in the certification programs were actually less strong than Wisconsin law (28.03 Wis Stats) requires for the management of our state forests. Hence supporting application of the resolution to state forests would in effect be calling for a reduction in the sustainability standards for those public lands. I personally am not well versed on sustainability certification questions, and would have to educate myself were any to come to the NRB for decision.

Point 4. I had not heard about this lawsuit until yesterday, and still know very little about it. The suit was brought by the Sierra Club through its Mackinac (Michigan) Chapter, and sought to block a 500 acre timber sale on the Ottawa National Forest in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Apparently the arguments had equal application to national forests elsewhere in the upper Midwest, but I do not know what the basis of the suit was. At any event, the Club withdrew the suit in June, 2002, because its attorney moved to another part of the country, so the issue is now moot. Obviously since I know virtually nothing about the Sierra Club policy that lay behind this lawsuit, the charge that I am committed to implementing it as a member of the NRB is not well grounded.

If you wish further information on this lawsuit, I suggest you contact Anne Woiwode at the Sierra Club's Mackinac Chapter offices: 109 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing, MI, 48906.

I want to add that I think that the major challenges facing the future of Wisconsin forest industries lie on private rather than public lands. For nearly a century Wisconsin has been a leader in encouraging sustainable forestry and effective silvicultural practices on private lands. It is crucial that the Managed Forest Law continue to be a powerful force in continuing that tradition. And as you know, the state's private industrial forest

lands are in a state of unstable transition. I am very concerned that large portions of these lands will not only become unavailable for commercial forestry but for public hunting, fishing, and other access as well. This issue of forest fragmentation in the northern part of the state will be difficult to resolve, and at some point I would like meet with you and get your insights on the subject.

Again, I want to thank you and Chairman Kedzie for the opportunity to appear before the Committee yesterday, and for the courtesy extended. The discussion was lively, and I enjoyed it.

Best regards,

Jonathan P. Ela

Member, Wisconsin Natural Resources Board

Cc: Chairman Neal Kedzie



# Office of the County Clerk

Geraldine L. Meyer, County Clerk

Florence County
Board of Supervisors

May 1, 2003

Representative Neal Kedzie Room 307, North, State Capitol P.O. Box 8952 Madison, WI 53708

### Dear Representative Kedzie:

Recently, I have learned of the possible appointment of Jonathan Ella to the Natural Resources Board. I am writing to express my concern as well as the County Board of Supervisors about this appointment. According to the news release announcing Mr. Ella's appointment his qualifications focused on his affiliation with the Sierra Club and the fact that he established the Midwest office of the Sierra Club in Madison. Our concern is he will advance the policies of the Sierra Club in the NRB decisions that are in conflict with the DNR's mission. For example, the Sierra Club's national and state position as stated on their website is the exclusion of commercial logging on federal lands. They also support excluding commercial logging on public lands that meet the federal roadless area criteria which could include thousands of acres of county and state forests.

The John Muir Chapter, which is the Wisconsin chapter of the Sierra Club, recently passed a resolution opposing certification of any public land in Wisconsin under one of the sustainable forest certification programs. Forest certification verifies that our forest are being managed on a sustainable basis.

Last year, the Michigan chapter of the Sierra Club filed a lawsuit against the US Forest Service on an aspen timber sale in Michigan's Upper Peninsula claiming the Forest Service had not done an analysis of the cumulative effect of cutting aspen on the environment. The restitution sought was to stop aspen cutting on National Forest land in Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota until a comprehensive study was completed on the effects of aspen regeneration in the Lake States. This would have cost millions of dollars in lost revenue to local communities which receive 25% of the revenue from National Forest timber sales. Not to mention, the thousands of jobs and ecological impact of not maintaining our aspen forests for the wildlife that depend on them. At that time, Secretary Bazzell requested and Governor McCallum concurred that the WI Attorney General

join in the lawsuit on behalf of Wisconsin in support of the National Forest Service. Attorney General Doyle agreed. Many other conservation, industry and public agencies also joined in the suit on behalf of the Forest Service. The Sierra Club subsequently dropped the suit.

The Sierra Club's position on logging is in direct conflict with the Department's vision of achieving healthy diverse ecosystems and the sustainable economies that depend on these ecosystems. There are two ways to maintain healthy diverse ecosystems—commercial logging completed under the direction of forest scientists by professional loggers which generates revenue, creates jobs and valuable forest products *or* pay someone to cut or burn the forests costing millions of tax dollars, lost revenue, jobs, and forest products.

Our concern and that of many others in the forestry community is that Mr. Ella will use this position on the NRB to advance the agenda of the Sierra Club to halt commercial logging in Wisconsin. It is inappropriate for a citizen member of the Natural Resources Board to represent extreme viewpoints whether they are far left or right. It is our position that Jonathan Ella's appointment should not be confirmed.

If you would like to discuss this issue with me further, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your assistance regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Edwin Kelley, Chairman
County Board of Supervisors

EK/gm

### RESOLUTION No. 125

# OPPOSITION TO APPOINTMENT OF JONATHAN ELA TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD

WHEREAS, the Marinette County Board of Supervisors has concerns that Governor's appointee Jonathan Ela has close affiliation with the Sierra Club and many of the Sierra Club policies are in conflict with the Department of Natural Resources' positions and mission; and,

WHEREAS, the Marinette County Board of Supervisors believes it is inappropriate for a person with close affiliation to an adverse organization with extreme viewpoints to be appointed to the Natural Resources Board;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marinette County Board of Supervisors opposes the confirmation of Jonathan Ela to the Natural Resources Board;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Marinette County Board of Supervisors requests copies of this resolution be forwarded to all Wisconsin counties, the Wisconsin Counties Association, Wisconsin Senators Roger Breske and Dave Hansen, Wisconsin Representatives John Gard and Lorraine Seratti, Governor James Doyle and to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resource.

Hereby granted this 20th day of May 2003 by a majority of a quorum of the Marinette County Board of Supervisors.

Mark Anderson, Chairperson

Katherine Brandt, County Clerk

Recommended: Forestry Committee - 05/20/03



October 2, 2003

The Honorable Neil Kedzie

State Capitol 313 South

Dear Chairman Kedzie:

Madison, WI 53707

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You will recall that at my confirmation hearing last spring the Wisconsin Professional Loggers Association submitted testimony in opposition to my appointment to the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board. I addressed a number of their concerns during my testimony, and in a follow-up letter I sent to you and Senator Stepp.

Subsequently I had the opportunity to meet with the WPLA's Executive Director, Gene Francisco. We discussed a number of issues of concern to his organization, and I believe we each gained a better understanding of each other's points of view.

At my request, Mr. Francisco reopened the matter of my appointment at a meeting of his Board of Directors, and on July 31 that Board voted to lift its opposition to my Senate confirmation. I am enclosing a copy of the letter Mr. Francisco wrote me, informing me of his Board's action.

Thank you for giving this matter your consideration.

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Chair, Senate Environment and Natural Resource Committee

Sincerely yours,

Jonathan P. Ela

Member, Wisconsin Natural Resources Board



HC 1 Box 83A Florence, Wisconsin 54121

April 21, 2003

Mr. Neil Kedzie, Chairman Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Room 313 South PO Box 7882 State Capitol Madison, WI 53707-7882

#### Dear Senator Kedzie:

I am writing on behalf of the Wisconsin Professional Loggers Association (WPLA) in opposition to the confirmation of Jonathan Ella's appointment to the Natural Resources Board.

The WPLA is a non-profit organization established to raise the ethical and professional standards in the logging industry and promote the sustainable management of Wisconsin's forest land. WPLA membership includes primarily small business logging contractors from throughout the Wisconsin.

It is our understanding that on Thursday the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources will be reviewing the confirmation of Jonathan Ella to the Natural Resources Board (NRB). According to the news release announcing Mr. Ella's appointment his qualifications for the NRB relate to his affiliation with the Sierra Club and the fact that he established the Midwest office of the Sierra Club here in Madison. We take this information to mean that Mr. Ella is more than just a contributing member of the Sierra Club, but is a Sierra Club leader and spokesperson.

Our concern is that Mr. Ella will advance the policies of the Sierra Club in the DNR that are in conflict with its mission. For example:

- A Sierra Club's national and state policy as stated on their website www.sierraclub.com is to eliminate commercial logging on all federal lands. Wisconsin has nearly 1.5 million acres of federal forest land.
- They also promote the elimination of commercial logging on any public lands that meet the federal roadless area criteria which could include thousands of acres of county and state forest lands.

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April 21, 2003

 The John Muir Chapter, which is the WI chapter of the Sierra Club, recently passed a resolution opposing certification of any public land in Wisconsin under one of the Sustainable Forestry Certification programs. Forest Certification verifies that our forests are managed on a sustainable basis.

Last year the Michigan Chapter of the Sierra Club filed a law suit against the US Forest Service on an aspen timber sale in Upper Michigan claiming the Forest Service had not done an analysis of the cumulative effect of cutting aspen on the environment. The restitution sought was to stop all aspen cutting on National Forest land in Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota until a comprehensive study was completed on the effects of aspen regeneration in the Lake States. This would have cost millions of dollars in lost revenue to local communities which receive 25% of the revenue from National Forest timber sales. Not to mention the thousands of jobs and ecological damage of not maintaining our aspen forests for the wildlife that depend on them. At that time, Secretary Bazzell requested and Governor McCallum concurred that the State of Wisconsin joins the lawsuit in support of the Forest Service. Attorney General Doyle agreed. Many other conservation, industry and public agencies also joined in the suit on behalf of the USFS. The Sierra Club subsequently dropped the suit.

The Sierra Club's position on commercial logging is in direct conflict with the Departments vision of "achieving healthy diverse ecosystems and the sustainable economies that depend on these ecosystems".

There are two ways to maintain healthy diverse ecosystems which require thinning overcrowded trees from our forests; 1) Commercial logging completed under the direction of forest scientists by professional loggers which generates revenue, creates jobs and provides valuable forest products. 2) Hire contractors to cut or burn the forests costing millions of tax dollars, lost revenue, lost manufacturing jobs and wasted natural resources.

Our concern and that of many others in the forestry community is that Mr. Ella, considering his past leadership in the Sierra Club, will use this position on the NRB to advance the agenda of the Sierra Club within the DNR to halt commercial logging in WI. It is inappropriate for a citizen natural resources board member to represent extreme viewpoints whether they are far left or far right.

It is our position that Mr. Ella's appointment not be confirmed. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions at 608-825-3964 or a WPLA representative at WPLA's main office. Thank you for your consideration.

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Sincerely,

Gene Francisco

Executive Director, WPLA

Cc Wayne Hamann, WPLA President

WPLA Executive Board



September 17, 2003

Mr. Jonathan Ela 2130 Chamberlain Ave. Madison, WI 53726

Dear Mr. Ela:

Thank you for meeting with me on June 11, 2003 to discuss the Wisconsin Professional Loggers' Association's (WPLA) opposition to the Senate confirmation of your appointment to the Natural Resources Board. The WPLA Board opposed your confirmation based on your leadership position in the Sierra Club (Club) during the period when the Club established its national policy to eliminate commercial logging on federal forests. WPLA's natural assumption was that you believed in and would advance the Club's no commercial logging policy and other hard line anti-sustainable forest management positions as a Natural Resource Board member.

I was pleased to hear that you do not subscribe to or support the Club's no commercial logging policy. Further that you support the principles of sustainable forest management on public and private forest land in Wisconsin and that you will strive to represent the people of Wisconsin as a NRB member and not special interest groups including the Club.

As you requested I briefed the WPLA Board regarding our discussion at their July 31, 2003 meeting and presented your request to <u>lift their opposition to your Senate confirmation</u>. After much discussion and a reiteration of your sincere conviction to the principles of sustainable forest management during our discussion the WPLA Board passed a motion to lift their opposition to your Senate confirmation.

WPLA members are committed to raising the standards in the logging profession and we look forward to working with you and the NRB as you debate issues that impact the forest industry and sustainable forest management in Wisconsin. Please feel free to contact our office if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Gene Francisco
Executive Director

Cc WPLA State Board



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### How'd They Vote? EVEC Tells All

by Jenny Coyle

If you care about wild places, clean air and uncontaminated water, odds are you want your elected officials to care about them, too - and vote accordingly.

But do they?

As the November election draws nigh, Sierra Club activists in two dozen designated sites around the country are making sure the public knows the environmental voting records of congressional contenders. It might mean walking neighborhoods in the dreadful heat of a Kansas summer to spread the good news about a representative's voting record. Or it could be handing out free spring water at the Montana State Fair to expose a senator's votes against protecting water resources.

This work is part of the Club's Environmental Voter Education Campaign, one of the tools the Club uses in an election cycle. The Club's national EVEC Committee, chaired by Jonathan Ela of the John Muir (Wisconsin) Chapter, decides which races will be designated EVEC sites to receive additional backing.

"Activists get out there and make sure people know about how an incumbent or challenger has voted on environmental issues," said Deanna White, the Club's deputy political director. "We also urge constituents to call the candidate and ask him or her to keep up the good work - or start voting right if they've been poor performers."

EVEC activists have no problem getting the word out - and some have fun in the process.

It was an exceptionally hot and humid East Coast kind of day when Rachel Jakubovitz dressed up like a fish to work the crowds at the New Jersey Festival of Ballooning in Readington. Jakubovitz and 20 other volunteers wanted balloon enthusiasts to know that Rep. Rush Holt (D) has voted to protect the state's drinking water and coastline.

They handed out more than 5,000 charts detailing Holt's and other New Jersey representatives' votes on water-related bills and got signatures on 715 postcards urging Holt to keep voting for clean water.



"All eyes were on the Sierra Club table, thanks to our healthy New Jersey fish mascot," said Lori Herpen, New Jersey EVEC organizer.

Working a big crowd also proved fruitful for Montana Chapter activists who passed out free drinking water and voting charts at the state fair and exposed Sen. Conrad Burns' (R) bleak voting record on water issues.

And while the senator was pressing the flesh with fair-goers at his own booth, volunteers Don and Dottie Taylor went with roving EVEC organizer David Schneider to put their elected official on the spot.

"I said I was from the Sierra Club and asked Burns why he continues to vote to allow mining operations to generate toxic waste on public lands," said Schneider. "I also asked if he'd take our 4-foot by 3-foot version of the voter chart showing his shameful votes on environmental issues."

Burns' response, which Schneider wrote down immediately so he didn't forget it, was, "Stick it where the monkey put the marbles."

Sen. Slade Gorton (R-Wash.) might have had a similar response if he'd been there in person when Cascade Chapter activists gave him the "Sierra Club Dirty Water Award" at a press conference in Vancouver.

Instead, a life-sized puppet of Gorton stood next to volunteer Holly Berry, who, with her husband Nick Forrest, explained that Gorton's record on the environment "is held in the highest regard - by polluters who persuade him to grease the way for their dirty deeds."

Then their young son, Andrew, along with Josey and Carly Marshall - the children of volunteers Rick and Cassi Marshall - poured dirty water on the feet of the puppet, who maintained a grim expression.

That's how EVEC work is sometimes - all in the family.

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